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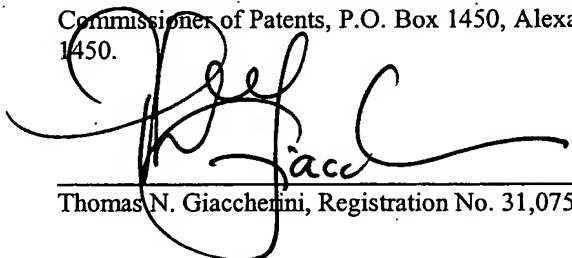
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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The Applicants submit this First Preliminary Amendment to more particularly point out the subject matter which they regard as their Invention.

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#### **APPLICATION HISTORY**

The Applicants filed the Present Application, which included Original Claims 1-102, on 15 December 2003. On 4 January 2006, the Patent Office issued a Requirement for Restriction. No other Office Action that contains an objection or rejection of any Pending Claims has been received by the Applicants as of 17 March 2006.

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